

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004
11:00 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Ray Stevens, Chair
Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Bob Workman
Deb Schorr

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2004

MOTION: Workman moved and Stevens seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes of March 4, 2004. Workman, Stevens, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Schorr abstained from voting. Motion carried.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Microcomputer Requests:
 - 1. C#2004-099 from Corrections, \$5,757.25 for Two (2) HP EVO Pentium IV's, One (1) Dell Inspiron Laptop Computer, Six (6) Monitors and Software (Exhibit A)
 - 2. C#2004-100 from County Assessor, \$1,745.35 for One (1) HP 4200 Laser Printer and One (1) Color InkJet Printer (Exhibit B)
- B. Meeting to Set Youth Assessment Center (YAC) Priorities and Objectives
- C. Hiring Request from County Sheriff (Exhibit C)
- D. Workplace Certification for Lancaster County Mental Health Jail Diversion Grant

- E. Lancaster Manor Update
- F. Report on March 8, 2004 Nebraska Liquor Control Commission Hearing
- G. Report from County Engineer
- H. Legal Opinion Regarding Scope of the County Board's Authority to Establish Conditions and Control Land Use Under the Special Permit Process (Exhibit D)
- I. Request from Community Learning Centers (CLC) for Commissioner Schorr to Participate in a Site Visit in Portland, Oregon
- J. Report on March 3, 2004 Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission Meeting

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the additions to the agenda. Heier, Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

RECORDS CENTER UPDATE - Don Killeen, County Property Manager; Brian Pillard, Records & Information Manager; Tom Champoux, UNICO Group, Inc.; Brent Lead; BMS CAT

Don Killeen, County Property Manager; and Brent Lead; BMS CAT, reported on damage caused by a burst water pipe at the 9th & J Street Building (see pictures in Exhibit E).

Brian Pillard, Records & Information Manager, presented an inventory of damaged records that were sent offsite to be freeze dried (Exhibit F).

Killeen said the total loss has not been determined.

Tom Champoux, UNICO Group, Inc. reported on insurance coverage.

- 3 LB 1083** - Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Director; Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator; Topher Hansen, CenterPointe Director

Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, said Gordon Kissel, Legislative Consultant, recommends that the Board support LB 1083 (Adopt the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act), with the caveat that funding needs to follow.

Eagan noted that amendments to the bill remove the dates that the regions need to divest themselves of direct services and for closure of regional centers in Hastings and Norfolk.

Topher Hansen, CenterPointe Director, added that there is authority for the Hastings and Norfolk regional centers to close without legislative approval once community services are up and running.

Schorr said there is still a lot of confusion regarding LB 1083 and the complexity of the amendments. She said the Region V Governing Board voted unanimously to support the reforms outlined in LB 1083, but not specifically the bill. Schorr said C. J. Johnson, Program Administrator for the Region V Mental Health, Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Program, will brief county commissioners at the spring meeting of Southeast Nebraska County Officials Association on March 9, 2004.

Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, and Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Director, urged support of the bill. Settle said this is a rare opportunity to make significant changes to how mental health services are structured and delivered within the local community, noting it has been conservatively estimated that an additional \$9 million will flow to the community by providing mental health services to those that are Medicaid eligible.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to support LB 1083, with the amendments.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Schorr offered a friendly amendment to send an email to each of the State Senators indicating the County Board's support of LB 1083 and LB 1089 (Provide for deficit appropriations) and to direct Gordon Kissel, Legislative Consultant, to convey that message.

The maker of the motion agreed to the friendly amendment.

Settle said it is crucial that the majority of start-up funds go to local service providers, rather than hospitals. He said Region V will have a plan in place by March 31, 2004, adding there will still be an opportunity for minor modification.

ROLL CALL: Heier, Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

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Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said funding will be through the agency budgets.

MOTION: Workman moved and Schorr seconded approval. Workman, Schorr, Hudkins, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. Meeting to Set Youth Assessment Center (YAC) Priorities and Objectives

Eagan indicated that the meeting will be held March 30, 2004 from 4 to 6 p.m. and said a facilitator has been suggested.

Schorr noted that Families First & Foremost (F³) has offered to pay for a facilitator with grant funds.

The Board agreed to use of a facilitator and suggested Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, or Ron Minchow, Seward County Commissioner.

- C. Hiring Request from County Sheriff (Exhibit C)

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. Heier, Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. Workplace Certification for Lancaster County Mental Health Jail Diversion Grant

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the workplace certification for Year Two of the Lancaster County Mental Health Jail Diversion Grant. Workman, Stevens, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- E. Lancaster Manor Update

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said the Department of Health and Human Services is conducting its annual review of Lancaster Manor.

F. Report on March 8, 2004 Nebraska Liquor Control Commission Hearing

Eagan said the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission approved a Class F (Beer On Sale Only) Liquor License for Gas N Shop, Inc., a convenience store at 4003 West Highway 34.

Stevens said the timing of the County Board's recommendation of denial did not appear to be a factor.

G. Report from County Engineer

Thorpe said the County Engineer has gone out to bid on rural address signs.

H. Legal Opinion Regarding Scope of the County Board's Authority to Establish Conditions and Control Land Use Under the Special Permit Process (Exhibit D)

Eagan gave an overview of the legal opinion.

I. Request from Community Learning Centers (CLC) for Commissioner Schorr to Participate in a Site Visit in Portland, Oregon

Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, appeared and said she has also been asked to participate. She said it would be beneficial to see other models, but said it should be stated upfront that attendance does not represent a funding commitment.

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize Commissioner Schorr and Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, to participate in the site visit, at the Community Learning Centers' (CLC's) expense, and to indicate that there is no funding commitment. Heier, Hudkins, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Schorr abstained from voting. Motion carried.

J. Report on March 3, 2004 Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission Meeting

Stevens said he attended the meeting and was under the impression that the Planning Department had substituted the Board's amendment on the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan with a suggested revision. He said that was not the case.

Stevens said the Board's proposed amendment is obsolete and recommended that the Board ask that the following paragraph be removed from the Comprehensive Plan and indicate that it is not interested in alternative language:

When the independent study to quantify and qualify the positive and negative economics of acreage development is completed, the county should determine if an impact fee or other development exactions are needed to be sure acreage development is paying its "fair share" of costs. The study should include a review of policy issues and options such as the build-through concept, lot size, acreage standards, acreages and town relationships, acreages and sensitive areas, agriculture, acreage clusters, desired acreage population, acreage size and land use consumption and AGR zoning.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to authorize the Chair to notify the Planning Department that the County Board wants the entire paragraph deleted from the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan as soon as possible. Workman, Stevens, Schorr, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

K. Proposed Lancaster County Vehicle Storage Facility

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded to add the item to the agenda. Hudkins, Heier, Schorr, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

John Kay, Sinclair Hille & Associates Inc., presented three options for a vehicle storage facility on Cherrycreek Road to serve the County Sheriff and Emergency Management (Exhibit H).

The Board asked Kay to explore locating the building to the rear of the impound lot, refine cost estimates and report back to the Board.

- 4 RECORDS CENTER UPDATE** - Don Killeen, County Property Manager; Brian Pillard, Records & Information Manager; Tom Champoux, UNICO Group, Inc.; Brent Lead; BMS CAT

Item moved forward on the agenda.

- 5 PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH CORNHUSKER PLACE** - Mike Thew, Chief Deputy County Attorney

Item held until immediately following the 1:30 p.m. Board of Commissioners Meeting.

MOTION: Workman moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 p.m. Heier, Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Heier was absent from the remainder of the meeting.

PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH CORNHUSKER PLACE - Mike Thew,
Chief Deputy County Attorney

Mike Thew, Chief Deputy County Attorney, said an agreement with Region V and Cornhusker Place for holding Lancaster County's Emergency Protective Custody (EPC's) at Cornhusker Place will be on the March 16, 2004 Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda and said he wants the Board to be aware that Cornhusker Place's insurance is limited to \$1 million per individual and \$2 million per occurrence (the tort claim limits are \$1 million per individual and \$5 million per occurrence). He said Jim Baird, Cornhusker Place Director, has indicated that it will cost \$12,000 for an additional \$1 million of coverage, but said Cornhusker Place is not in a position to add the additional coverage at this time. Thew said Cornhusker Place is not likely to have problem patients, given the way the agreement is structured, so exposure may be minimal. He suggested that consideration be given to increasing the daily rate in the future, with the understanding that Cornhusker Place would increase its insurance coverage.

6 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 p.m. Workman, Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Heier was absent from voting. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk